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**Use of Diphtheria Toxoid-Tetanus Toxoid-Acellular Pertussis Vaccine as a Five-Dose Series**

**Supplemental Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)**

***Summary***

*Four vaccines containing diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis vaccine (DTaP) are currently licensed for use in young children. As of October 2000, two products, ACEL-IMUNE<sup>®</sup> (a product of Lederle Laboratories) and Tripedia<sup>®</sup> (a product of Schering-Plough) are licensed for a five-dose DTaP vaccination series. Two other vaccines, Infanrix<sup>®</sup> (SmithKline Beecham Biologicals) and Certiva<sup>™</sup> (Northridge Pharmaceuticals) are licensed for a four-dose DTaP vaccination series, beginning with the primary series at ages 2, 4, and 6 months, and for completing the series with diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and whole-cell pertussis vaccine. This report supplements the statement from the ACIP regarding Practices regarding use of acellular pertussis vaccines and summarizes data regarding reactogenicity of acellular pertussis vaccine for the first and fifth consecutive doses. Increases in the frequency and magnitude of local reactions at the injection site with increasingly licensed DTaP vaccines. Extensive swelling of the injected limb, sometimes involving the entire thigh or upper arm, after administration of DTaP vaccines has been demonstrated for multiple products from different manufacturers. Because data are insufficient regarding the frequency and magnitude of local reactions at the injection site with increasingly licensed DTaP vaccines, the ACIP recommends that parents be informed of the potential for local reactions at the injection site with increasingly licensed DTaP vaccines.*

*using DTaP vaccines from different manufacturers in a mixed sequence, ACIP continues to recommend that, whenever for all doses in the vaccination series. When the vaccine provider does not know or does not have available the type of licensed DTaP vaccines can be used to complete the vaccine series.*

## INTRODUCTION

Four vaccines containing diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis vaccine (DTaP) are licensed for use among children. ACEL-IMUNE<sup>®</sup> (a product of Lederle Laboratories) and Tripedia<sup>®</sup> (Aventis Pasteur, Inc.) are licensed for use as the first and second doses of the five-dose series. The third dose of the five-dose series is anticipated. This report supplements previous recommendations regarding use of DTaP (1) and summarizes ACIP recommendations regarding DTaP vaccines as a five-consecutive-dose series.

## REACTOGENICITY OF DTaP VACCINES WHEN ADMINISTERED AS FOURTH AND FIFTH DOSES

Data regarding use of a single DTaP vaccine for the complete five-dose series are limited, but available data demonstrate the magnitude of local reactions after the fourth and fifth doses. Increases in the frequency of fever after the fourth dose have been reported. Frequencies of other systemic reactions (e.g., fretfulness, drowsiness, or decreased appetite) have not been observed. Data regarding the fourth and fifth doses, acellular pertussis vaccines remain the preferred vaccines for preventing pertussis, diphtheria, and tetanus. The reactogenicity profile when compared with whole-cell pertussis vaccines (2--5).

### Adverse Reactions After the Fourth Dose of DTaP When Administered as a Four-Dose Series

Increases in erythema, swelling, and pain at the injection site and increases in fever have been reported with the fourth dose of the currently licensed DTaP vaccines. These reactions typically have onset within 2 days of vaccination and resolve completely within 72 hours.

During 1991--1994, reactogenicity of ACEL-IMUNE administered as a four-dose series was assessed in an efficacy study. Children who received tetanus toxoids and whole-cell pertussis vaccine (DTP) components of the study were randomized and double-blinded. Standardized diary cards for 72 hours after each dose. Of 3,991 children who received the fourth dose of ACEL-IMUNE, 1.9% experienced induration  $\geq 0.9$  in. ( $\geq 2.4$  cm). After the first dose, only 2% of recipients were reported as experiencing fever  $\geq 100.4$  F ( $\geq 38$  C) was reported for 7% of recipients of the first dose, but after the fourth dose, 26% of recipients experienced fever  $\geq 100.4$  F ( $\geq 38$  C).

In an open-label trial (i.e., a study in which researchers and subjects know what vaccine and dose is being administered), children who previously received Tripedia at ages 2, 4, and 6 months received a fourth dose at age 1520 months (9). Reactions were monitored daily thereafter for 14 days, and parents were asked to record daily on a standardized diary the presence or absence of reactions. Among children receiving the fourth dose, 5.5% experienced fever  $>101$  F ( $>38.3$  C) within 72 hours of vaccination; 30.3%, injection site swelling  $\geq 1$  in. ( $\geq 2.54$  cm); and 19.3%, injection site pain (9). In contrast, during the primary series study, 2% experienced fever  $>101$  F ( $>38.3$  C) after the first dose; 2%, erythema  $>1$  in. ( $>2.54$  cm); 2%, swelling  $>1$  in. ( $>2.54$  cm); and 10%, tenderness at the injection site.

Of 22,505 children who had received three doses of Infanrix<sup>®</sup> (SmithKline Beecham Biologicals) at ages 3, 4, and 5 months, 5,361 received a fourth dose at age 10--36 months (11). Standardized diaries regarding reactions to vaccination were available for 1,809 children who had received the fourth dose. Age range of this subset of children was 10--36 months. Redness  $>0.8$  in. ( $>2$  cm) increased from 0% after the first dose to 13.8% after the fourth dose; pain, from 2.0% to 26.3%; and fever  $\geq 100.4$  F ( $\geq 38$  C), from 6.3% to 26.4% (1113).

Increases in the reactogenicity of the fourth dose of Certiva<sup>™</sup> (North American Vaccine, Inc.) also have been reported. Among infants, a subset of  $>2,200$  who received Certiva as a three-dose primary series during an open-label trial in the United States, standardized diary cards and telephone follow-up. Fever  $\geq 100.4$  F ( $\geq 38$  C) within 72 hours of vaccination increased from 1.5% of first-dose recipients and 10.5% of fourth-dose recipients. Frequency of redness  $\geq 1$  in. increased from 0.6% after the first dose to 5.7% after the fourth dose; swelling  $\geq 1.2$  in. ( $\geq 3$  cm), from 0.6% to 4.5%; and tenderness or pain (any), from 5.7% to 11.4%.

### Adverse Reactions After the Fifth Dose of DTaP When Administered as a Five-Dose Series

Data regarding the reactogenicity of a fifth dose of DTaP administered after four doses of the DTaP vaccine are limited. Data regarding the fifth dose of the currently licensed DTaP vaccines. These data demonstrate further increases in the local reactogenicity of the fifth dose compared with the fourth dose. Data regarding the frequency of adverse events after a fifth dose of Certiva.

In a study in Germany during March--September 1998, of 580 children who received a fifth dose of Tripedia after four experienced redness >2 in. (>5 cm) within 3 days of receipt of vaccine; 25.0% experienced swelling >2 in. (>5 cm); at the arm was moved) (15, Aventis Pasteur, Inc., unpublished data, January 2000). During a safety study in Germany, 41 four previous doses of the same vaccine. During the 3 days after vaccination, redness  $\geq 2$  in. ( $\geq 5$  cm) was reported for 20.7%; and grade 3 pain (i.e., pain that prevented everyday activities and necessitated medical advice) for 1.6% of the completed (SmithKline Beecham Biologicals, unpublished data, February 2000).

Swelling involving the entire thigh or upper arm has been reported after booster doses of different acellular pertussis v among recipients of a booster dose of JNH-6 (a two-component acellular pertussis vaccine produced by Biken [Japan component contained in Tripedia). During a study performed in Sweden during the 1980s, children who had previousl pertussis vaccine at age 6--8 months received a booster dose deep subcutaneously of the same vaccine at age 2 years. C reactions, including swelling of the entire thigh (16), although administration of vaccine subcutaneously could have in

In an analysis of the fourth- and fifth-dose follow-up studies from the Multicenter Acellular Pertussis Trial (MAPT) the limb swelling was reported as an unsolicited reaction for 20 (2.0%) of 1,015 children who received four consecutive doses of DTaP and was reported for 1 of 16 children receiving four consecutive doses of DTP and for 0 of 246 children receiving a booster dose. Of the 20 children experiencing entire thigh swelling after the fourth dose, 70% were described as irritable, compared with 37% of children experiencing entire thigh swelling. Erythema was reported for 60% of the vaccinees and pain for 60%; the corresponding frequencies for the 16 children were 29% and 30%, respectively. Fever >100 F (>37.8 C) was reported for approximately 25% of both groups. Among the 20 children, 10 was judged to be mild for 7, moderate for 2, and severe for 3; pain was not reported for 8 of these 20 children. Of eight children, 3 experienced moderate or severe pain. A total of 12 children experienced swelling that began on day 2 or 3, none of whom had thigh swelling resolved completely and without sequelae among all 20 children (duration: 1--4 days among 11 children). Among the 16 dose recipients, 0 of 121 children who had received the same DTaP vaccine experienced swelling of the entire upper arm. Among 16 children (2.7%) who had received different DTaP vaccines during the five-dose series. Although the numbers of children in the follow-up studies were limited, extensive limb swelling occurred after receipt of a fourth dose of 9 of the 12 DTaP vaccines.

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afebrile. For one child, swelling was assessed as grade 3 severity (i.e., prevented normal everyday activities and necessitating hospitalization). For another child, swelling was assessed as grade 2 severity (i.e., prevented normal everyday activities and necessitating medical attention). For the remaining children, swelling was assessed as grade 1 severity (i.e., prevented normal everyday activities and necessitating medical attention). In all cases, swelling was self-limited and resolved within 3 days of receipt of vaccine. Mean duration of swelling was 4 days (range 1–10 days; unpublished data, February and May 2000).

Pathogenesis of both substantial local reactions and limb swelling is unknown. In an analysis of data from the MAPT 1 study, swelling greater than 2 in. (>5 cm) after the fourth dose was associated with pertussis toxoid content of the vaccine administered; swelling greater than 1 in. (>2.5 cm) after the fourth dose was associated with aluminum content of the vaccine. Entire thigh swelling after the fourth dose was associated with diphtheria toxoid content of the vaccine. Swelling after the fourth dose was not predictive of this reaction. The inconsistent pattern of associations of the associations were a statistical artifact attributable to a limited sample size or to differential reporting of entire thigh swelling.

## **SUPPLEMENTAL ACIP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR USING DTaP VACCINES**

Data are limited regarding differences in reactogenicity among currently licensed acellular pertussis vaccines. Increase in reactions at the injection site with increasing dose number have been reported for all currently licensed DTaP vaccines. Receipt of fourth and fifth doses of acellular pertussis vaccines has been documented for multiple products from different manufacturers. Although these reactions have generally not been solicited during safety studies, the frequency is unknown, and the absence of reactions after receipt of particular DTaP vaccines. Additionally, in the majority of studies of adverse events after receipt of the fourth dose, the subset (a substantially limited subset in certain studies) of children who received the first three doses. Therefore, the observed reactions might have been influenced by selection biases of unknown direction and magnitude. Data are insufficient to determine whether reactions from different manufacturers are associated with higher or lower frequencies of these reactions than receipt of a single dose. Data regarding the reactogenicity of DTaP vaccines when administered as a five-dose series are needed.

Whether children who experience entire limb swelling after a fourth dose of DTaP are at increased risk for this reaction after receipt of the fifth dose is unknown. Data to date indicate that the reactions are self-limited and in recognition of the benefits of the preschool dose of DTaP, a history of limb swelling should not be considered a contraindication for receipt of the fifth dose of the DTaP series.

Parents or caregivers of children receiving the fourth and fifth doses of the DTaP series should be informed of the increased risk of reactions. Although available data demonstrate that these reactions are self-limited and resolve without sequelae, they might be complicated by reactions (e.g., cellulitis) that require treatment. Therefore, providers must make decisions regarding evaluation and management of reactions to vaccination on a case-by-case basis.

## **Interchangeable Use of Acellular Pertussis Vaccines**

Children who began the series with DTaP at age 2 months began eligibility to receive a fifth dose of DTaP during mid-childhood. Children vaccinated on an accelerated schedule might have become eligible for the fifth dose before then. Data are insufficient to determine the efficacy of using DTaP vaccines from different manufacturers in a mixed sequence. For this reason, the ACIP recommends that the same DTaP vaccine should be used for all doses of the vaccination series. However, the vaccine provider might not know or might not have access to the vaccine previously administered to a child. Neither circumstance should present a barrier to administration of DTaP vaccine and should not be used to complete the vaccination series.

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## Table

**TABLE. Licensed DTaP vaccines by date of licensure for use among infants—United States, 1996–1998**

Date	Tradename	Manufacturer	Pertussis antigens
July 31, 1996	Tripedia <sup>®</sup>	Aventis Pasteur, Inc.	Inactivated pertussis toxin, 23 µg† Filamentous hemagglutinin, 23 µg†
December 30, 1996	ACEL-IMUNE <sup>®</sup>	Lederle Laboratories	Filamentous hemagglutinin, 34 µg† Pertactin, 1.6 µg Type 2 fimbriae, 0.8 µg
January 29, 1997	Infanrix <sup>®</sup>	SmithKline Beecham Biologicals	Inactivated pertussis toxin, 25 µg Filamentous hemagglutinin, 25 µg Pertactin, 8 µg
July 29, 1998	Certiva <sup>™</sup>	North American Vaccine, Inc.	Inactivated pertussis toxin, 40 µg

\* Approved for use as the first four doses of the five-dose series, beginning at ages 2, 4, and 6 months.

† Amounts are approximate.

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